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**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTINOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENYT.**

**Category of Applicants:** Practicing Pre-primary School Teachers

**Location:** West Nile specifically Arua & Yumbe districts

**About the Aga Khan Foundation**

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), founded by His Highness the Aga Khan in 1967, is a member of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), one of the world’s leading poverty solutions networks. Aga Khan Foundation currently operates in 18 countries, including Uganda. Aga Khan Foundation leads a range of integrated, innovative and gender sensitive interventions in agriculture and food security; health and nutrition; civil society; climate resilience; early childhood development; and education.

Madrasa Early Childhood Development Program, Uganda (MECPU) is an initiative of the Aga Khan Foundation that supports holistic development of children aged 0-8 years. MECP-U works with diverse stakeholders including communities, civil society, government, and development partners to deliver high quality, innovative and impactful programming that is needs based and contextually relevant.**About the course**

The course is intended to complement government efforts in implementing the National Teacher Policy (NTP) which was launched in 2019 requiring teachers to keep up to date consistently and continuously with new knowledge, skills, and teaching practices through attending Continuous professional development programs aimed at improving performance and renewing the teaching mandate annually.

Whereas, this is a sponsored capacity development course, it attracts **NO PAYMENT** in terms of salary and or allowances but will help participants develop their professional and personal qualities, expand their practice, knowledge, and skills, resulting in their empowerment and growth and improved performance to the benefit of the learners in their schools. MECP will however, support the participating teachers with transport refund and meals whenever invited for Workshops and meetings plus a few resources that would be found useful in facilitating course participants on this Programme.

**Once on the Programme:** a teacher will be required to:

* Attend all training sessions organized by MECP-U and show willingness to support other teachers in the schools.
* Participate in all events that are organized to support ECD/ECCE Programme in his/her school.
* Flag issues of concerns on ECD Programme to the school administration and Programme officers for assistance and technical guidance.
* Support peer learning and development.
* Share best practices through submitting timely reports to the different stakeholders.

This opportunity will **ONLY** benefit up to 100 ECD teachers this season i.e. (50 from Yumbe and 50 from Arua) therefore due to its competitiveness, we shall only go with those who:

* Possess a certificate or Diploma in nursery teaching or training in Early Childhood Development (ECD) from a recognized institution.
* Are **ACTIVELY** practicing and have professional experience of teaching in nursery or ECD for at least 2-3 years.
* Have good speaking and writing skills of English language, Lugbara and Aringa
* Are residents and teachers within schools in Arua City, Yumbe and Arua Districts.
* Are preferably teaching in schools or Centres that are community owned and managed.
* Have **NOT** previously benefited from any CPD course organized by MECPU/AKF in the last two years.
* Are interested, committed, and willing to stay up to the end of the Programme.

**Application procedure**  
Interested candidates should submit their Hand-written application letter, CVs, copies of academic documents, a photocopy of national ID, Letter of recommendation from your supervisor, a letter from the Local Council to The Programme Coordinator ECD – AKF Arua Office located at plot 3, Enyau Road- Niva cell, Arua city for those in Arua.

And for those in Yumbe drop it at AKF Office located along Odropi-Premier Road (Odropi-Cell) Ariguyi Ward, Yumbe Town council during working hours (8:00 am- 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday).

**Or** Email application letter and CV only to Jamila.Ademun@akdn.org

**Closing Date:** All applications should be received not later than **Monday 25th   
March 2024 by 5pm.**

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.